

Although only a few exemplary embodiments of this invention have been described in detail above, those skilled in the art will readily appreciate that many modifications are possible in the exemplary embodiments without materially departing from the novel teachings and advantages of this invention. Accordingly, all such modifications are intended to be included within the scope of this invention as defined in the following claims. In the claims, means-plus-function clause are intended to cover the structures described herein as performing the recited function and not only structural equivalents but also equivalent structures.

The invention as described hereinabove in the context of the preferred embodiments is not to be taken as limited to all of the provided details thereof, since modifications and variations thereof may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention.--

In the Abstract:

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--METHOD OF PRODUCING A SHEET STEEL PRODUCT SUCH AS A
REINFORCEMENT ELEMENT IN A LARGER STRUCTURE

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A product of sheet steel is formed in a pair of cooled tools when hot and is then hardened to a martensitic structure while still in the tools. In this manner, the tools function as a